

**REMARKS**

Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 5-16 are pending and at issue.

**Restriction Requirement**

In the September 1, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single invention selected from the following two groups of claims:

- I. Claims 21-22, drawn to a method for drying a thermoplastic norbornene resin; and
- II. Claims 5-16, drawn to a plastic substrate and a recording medium.

In order to be fully responsive to the September 1, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 5-16) for continued examination.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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